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The Eleventh Commandment.

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On a bright morning in early fall Mr. John Storer left his home in his usual frame of mind and proceeded to his office. He was one of those charming individuals who carry with them an atmosphere of mingled health, wealth and happiness and unconsciously communicate it to all who come in contact with them. The ticket master at his station enjoyed seeing him lightly mounting the steep stairs and always put out Storer's slip and change with a fresh sense of interest and pleasure in his own monotonous occupation. The elevator boy in his close cage anticipated Storer's smile and kind "Good morning, Bill," to say nothing of holiday souvenirs. In the office he was simply adored by the clerks, and on this day, as usual, found his mail ready to his hands. One letter was attractive by reason of certain peculiarities. His name was written in black ink. The address was in blue, as if the sender had looked in a directory and added it with strange pen and ink. The word "Personal" was in the corner of the small envelope, and the handwriting was unfamiliar and evidently that of a very nervous woman.

Storer read it eagerly with utter amazement:

DEAR MR. STORER—I am in great trouble. I know of no one to help me. Will you come and see me? I am with friends at No. — West Eighteenth street. I used to meet you every summer in Centerville.

GERTRUDE BALDWIN.

Mr. Storer read and reread the note. Then he recalled his vacations spent in Centerville during his old college days.

"Baldwin," he repeated over and over again. Visions of summer scenes rose before him. Picnics, boating parties, games of croquet played on lawns gay with youthful figures, drives, walks, mountain strolls, moonlight wanderings, he reviewed them all. Certainly he personally had no intimacy with any one named Baldwin. Yet the name grew in his memory and gradually attached itself to an old, rambling house with spacious grounds and farm lands stretching up the hillside. Yes, he remembered the place and a great barn upon it, in which one stormy day the jolly party improvised a dance to the music of a violin. He saw the graceful figures in motion. The sounds of the merry laughter within and of the raging storm without came back to him with the perfume of the hay that filled one corner. But of Miss Gertrude Baldwin he could form no idea whatever. But stay! Seated on the hay were several girls, children in his estimation. They formed a pleased audience, and one of those girls, a slender creature, with eyes like violets and a wealth of tawny hair, had enacted the part of hostess. Yes, Gertie was what they all called her.

Gertie had given him a brimming goblet of delicious cider from a huge pitcher and offered him apples from an apron full of choice specimens selected by herself.

Yes, he had often been attracted by this pretty, half grown girl. He used to see her on Sundays, in her muslin gown and floating ribbons, sauntering to or from church. Her shy glance and bow, her flush when he doffed his cap and returned it, came vividly before him. The last time he left Centerville for home she had been in the stagecoach with several of her companions and occupied the seat next to his. They had chatted all the way, discussing everything that excited their attention along the road, and how they had laughed! He again inspected the note.

That was seven years ago. And now this childish girl was in trouble. Something rose in his throat. He made a note of the address, put the envelope in an inside pocket and rapidly read his business letters. Then he pressed a button, and a tall young fellow appeared in the little room.

"Dawson, I'll be here after lunch if anybody wants me particularly."

"Yes, sir."

Then Mr. Storer pu on his overcoat and hat and started for West Eighteenth street. As he went he easily explained to himself why this girl might think of him and send him this simple appeal. He was associated in her mind with all the light heartedness of happy youth. We are apt to contrast extremes of conditions.

The house was an unpretentious one, and he was admitted and ushered into the parlor by an elderly woman of attractive appearance. She took his card and left him to his meditations.

He waited some time—long enough to become familiar with the photographs on the walls, the pattern of the carpet and the general effect of the well cared, old fashioned pieces of furniture. One or two of them he coveted. He was thoroughly absorbed in a tall, carved bookcase when a slight noise warned him, and he turned to meet Miss Baldwin as she closed the door and stood before him.

She was struggling with emotion, the violet eyes downcast, the beautiful hair prettily twisted around her head. A dark woolen dress, with linen cuffs and collar, defined the lithe, girlish figure as he recalled it. For the first time in his life John Storer felt completely at a loss for words. Then the girl raised her eyes as if to assure herself of his identity, and he found his tongue. Her eyes had told him her story.

"Gertie, I am so glad you thought of me. I just got your note. Really I feel quite honored. Now, if I can do anything that will serve you don't hesitate to command me. We are old friends."

He took her hands and drew her to the sofa. By filling in broken sentences and supplying others he soon learned all the facts.

It sounded like a very old, commonplace story, even to the point that Gertie did not believe that her lover meant to desert her. Some unforeseen trouble, she thought, had prevented him from fulfilling his promise. Her parents had practically turned her out, but had given her the means to come to the city in search of her betrayer.

"Then so far this matter is known only to your parents."

"Yes, I am supposed to be here to do some shopping."

"I see. Now, you have no idea of this man's address. Tell me, Gertie, what you thought I could do for you."

"I thought you could help me to find him and make him marry me."

"You are willing to marry him"—

"Oh, yes. Not so much for my own sake"—

"I understand. Now, then, if you will tell me his name and give me some description of him"—

"I have his picture here"—

"That's good."

Storer took the small tintype, glanced at it, looked again, drew a long breath, and going to the window studied it carefully.

"You needn't say any more about him. I know him. Now, when did you get here?"

"Yesterday."

"Yes. You must cheer up and manage to keep this affair an entire secret. I'll come perhaps tomorrow about this time."

"How good! Oh, I felt sure of your kindness!"

"Don't think of that. Tell me—this friend of yours is very motherly looking. I'll send a carriage, and you can take her for a drive and get an appetite

"I have his picture here"—

for lunch. Go up in the park and look around. It will be rather quiet after the scenery, you know, but I want you to forget yourself for awhile. Get control of your nerves."

"I will."

"That's a brave girl. We'll straighten out this business very soon if I can get hold of it at the right end. Leave it all to me and devote your energies to growing strong." Storer pressed his lips to her hand and went away, haunted by her white, sunken features.

"The damned scoundrel!" he muttered as he pursued his way. "Her father must be a brute! Cursed set, to use a girl like her so cruelly! Now, then, Jack Storer, stop sitting in judgment upon others. You don't know all the circumstances. Go to work and mend matters if you can."

Storer walked about until his nerves were quieted, eating his lunch in a strange restaurant for the sake of distraction, and returned to his office to meet business engagements that occupied him the whole afternoon. He lingered at his desk, however, and summoned Dawson.

"When the others are gone, Dawson, I want to speak to you."

Dawson nodded and went back to his corner in the general offices. For months he had acted as confidential clerk to Mr. Storer, having shown himself well qualified for the position. He therefore presented himself in due time, prepared for his private instructions. Mr. Storer was sitting facing the door, and he pointed to a chair, keeping his eyes on Dawson's face.

"Dawson, you have been doing considerable extra work for us of late and doing it in a very satisfactory manner. Of course we like to be just with the men, and we can't promote where there is no vacancy. However, we might get around the question. By the way, are you a married man?"

"No—I"—

Dawson's embarrassment was remarkable. Mr. Storer waited for him sympathetically.

"I want to marry, but I—I couldn't on my present salary. In fact—I have been looking for a better place. It is not easy to make a profitable change."

"You are engaged to be married, I infer."

"Yes, I am."

Dawson's flush was pitiable.

"What would you consider a sufficient salary to marry upon? Please state it here in round figures."

Dawson did as directed, slowly and nervously.

"You see," continued Mr. Storer, "I appreciate your services and prefer to retain them if an advance will satisfy you." He glanced at Dawson's statement. "Well, that seems to me reasonable. Now, if I accede how long will it take you to get ready for your marriage?"

Dawson seemed overwhelmed with surprise, confusion and nervous excitement.

"I don't know. I should have to see—several persons. That would involve an absence of a few days"—

"From town?"

"Yes, sir."

"That means an extra expense besides the delay?"

"Of course."

"I think I can assist you, Dawson, materially. If I am not very much mistaken, you are engaged to a very old friend of mine, Miss Gertrude Baldwin."

Dawson's face lightened then suddenly clouded with anxiety and perplexity.

"I had no idea"— he murmured, then broke down.

"She is in town," continued Mr. Storer. "I met her today, and I judge from what she tells me that her engagement is objectionable to her parents. The simple thing to do is for you and Gertie to get married and take your happiness into your own keeping. She is a lovely girl. I have known her since her childhood. If you will make the proper preparations, I will act as her guardian and give her away. Make arrangements for a morning wedding in a well known church. Take a little trip, come back and settle down. The rest remains with you. How much money will you want? I'll give you the check now and let me know as soon as possible when this wedding can take place. I'll tell you tomorrow where to call upon her."

Dawson made a vain effort to talk.

"Now, Dawson, if you think that I am doing you a service I'll tell you how to amply repay me—keep this interview a sacred secret. I shall do it for Gertie Baldwin's sake."

It seemed to Dawson that the room was going to and fro. His head dropped on the desk. When he raised it, Mr. Storer had disappeared. He was alone with his conscience, and before him was a check for a larger amount of money than he had ever handled for his own use.

As Storer entered his own house he met his mother-in-law on her way out of it.

Mrs. Justis was a tall, gorgeously dressed woman of imperious manners and lavish speech.

"How late you are! I have been waiting to see you about Miss Evans' wedding. I want Sallie to go, and she will have to make up her mind now. I have had to hunt up another dressmaker, and perhaps she could take a dress for Sallie. Lacy is simply overpowered with work, and if Sallie waits another day she'll get nothing done in time."

Storer glanced at his wife, who was watching her mother with suppressed merriment in her pretty features.

"What do you say, Sallie—to go or not to go?"

"I don't care a button about going. It will be a perfect crush"—

"And you'll be tired out standing," said Storer.

"Yes, and my back has just forgotten the reception last week"—

"Oh, I have no patience with such a couple! What is the use of having everything and being so indifferent to society?"

"Hang society!" said Storer, picking up his child, a boy in skirts, and tossing him toward the ceiling. "We did our duty to it. We have something better to think about now."

"There are lots of people to crowd about Miss Evans, mother. She'll never miss Jack and me, and I need all the vitality I possess for my own use."

"You can represent the whole family," said Storer, with a side glance at his wife that made her eyes twinkle.

"Oh, I'm dreadfully disappointed! I wanted Sallie to wear yellow and put on all her diamonds."

"Mother, my things wouldn't be noticed in that gathering. I'm sorry to refuse you, but you know people only go into society so as to get comfortably out of it, and when Jack and I were married we agreed that we had no more time to waste upon it."

"We'll enjoy your account of the affair," said Storer as he followed Mrs. Justis and put her in her carriage.

Mrs. Justis was very particular concerning the fit of her gowns, and a new dressmaker suggested fresh triumphs in that direction. A talent for devising striking effects was one of her gifts. Her chief difficulty lay in getting her dressmaker to accept her designs and develop them without changing or modifying them.

As her daughter had decided to decline the opportunity for displaying her beauty and belongings Mrs. Justis determined to make her own costume a thing to be remembered. She haunted the dressmaker's habitation, and one morning was obliged to wait her turn in the front room on the second story. There was nothing in the apartment that could interest her. The scattered fashion plates irritated her. Her own conception of a dress held her imagination satisfied.

She sat by the window and glanced at the opposite houses. In one of them something unusual was taking place. An express wagon was receiving a new trunk, and in the window fronting hers a pretty girl in a tan colored suit was watching its departure.

She was a very unusual looking girl, Mrs. Justis thought; like a picture, with the sunlight striking golden shades in her hair, which crowned a pair of wonderful eyes. Presently a carriage drove up and stopped. A man alighted, ran up the stoop, pulled the bell, and turning glanced up and down the street. Then the door was opened, and he entered.

Mrs. Justis grasped the curtain. Her blood ran cold; she grew numb, horror stricken. Surely that was John Storer. Impossible! She must be dreaming. It is wonderful what likenesses exist in this world. Had she screamed or done anything silly? No, nobody came. She must recover herself. But the door opposite was opening, and out came the man leading the pretty girl. He had his hat off, speaking to an elderly woman in the doorway.

Mrs. Justis felt the cold perspiration on her forehead. She watched the couple enter the carriage and drive off.

It was John Storer. What did it all mean?

She sat motionless, her brain incapable of thought, her pulse audible.

Mme. Tilson came in all smiles and volubility.

"So sorry, but it was quite unavoidable! Quite a little excitement in the street! We've been wondering if it's a wedding. We can't find out a thing about the girl, for the people in that house have no servant. But we have been watching the gentleman for days. He is so attentive—there at all hours, and his name is Storer! Some bundles with his card attached were left here in mistake. He's so nice looking! Dear me, Mrs. Justis, are you feeling ill?"

"Yes. My head troubles me. I think I'll have to come another day. I am not able to stand this morning. Do nothing until you hear from me."

Mrs. Justis reached the street and turned homeward, dragging herself along in a condition bordering on distraction. One idea was fixing itself in her brain. Having reached the house, she ordered the carriage and drove to her daughter's residence, a showy dwelling on Seventy-fifth street. Mrs. Storer was on the stoop, waving her hand to little Jack as he turned the corner with his nurse. She gave her mother a brilliant smile that suddenly faded as she caught the expression of the elder woman's features.

"Why, what is the matter?"

"Come up stairs, Sallie."

Mrs. Justis shut and locked the door of her daughter's room and turned excitedly on the startled girl.

"Your husband is a villain! Get ready to come home. You mustn't stay in this house one moment longer than is necessary to pack up your clothes."

Sallie Storer sat down, wide eyed, speechless.

"I know enough law for this emergency. You'll want a divorce, and the first thing to do is to leave this house."

"Mother, are you crazy?"

"Oh, my darling child, I wish I were! I'd rather lose my reason than have such a tale for your innocent ears. Have you noticed anything peculiar in your husband's manner lately?"

"His manner? Why, Jack's manner is always the same—just as nice as it can possibly be. Now that you mention it, yes, he has been somewhat different just within a day or two, holding me and looking at me attentively as if there was something that he would like to tell me about"—

"The hypocrite! His conscience was troubling him." Mrs. Justis poured out her story. "It is dreadful what this

"Your husband is a villain!"

world is coming to! The papers are filled with stories about just such men, but I never thought that John Storer was a scoundrel."

Mrs. Storer rather amazed her mother. She listened calmly to all the facts and began pacing the floor.

"I cannot reconcile this story with what I know of Jack's character."

"You should have seen him leading that woman into that carriage."

"Perhaps I should wait until he comes home"—

"And have him lie to you, and then tomorrow you'll have no redress."

"But, mother, to leave my home—our dear little home that he and I love"—

"Home? Why, he has destroyed it! Could you ever again feel toward him as you did before I came just now? Can you ever trust him again? If he is false now when you are still young and lovely, what will he be in the future? Oh, the fickleness of men is the curse of the age! Wealth makes folly so easy. A worldly woman would have concealed this discovery from you and allowed you to live in blissful ignorance of your husband's system of deception. Of course he can keep up appearances and take his little escapades when he pleases. But I am a proud woman. I won't see my child insulted! I can't keep silent! Come home, dear, with your baby, to the parents who are true to you."

"Mother, if I am going out of this house I don't want anything that is in it."

"You are quite right. Will you leave a little note for him?"

"Yes."

"Let me write it."

"I'll go and tell Jane to send Jack to me at his grandma's. That will not cause suspicion. We will do nothing to excite talk among the servants, because, mother, we may be mistaken. Somehow I cannot feel that you are right in your suspicions."

"It would be strange if your confidence could be destroyed instantly. But come, you can weigh the question at home. This is no place for you at present. You may be sure that if I am wrong your husband will hasten to explain matters. Child, that is impossible. He will never dare to face you."

On that particular afternoon Storer reached his house somewhat later than usual. He had undertaken the "marriage notice" and was determined that the citizens of Centerville should have every opportunity of reading it. He ran up the stoop, let himself in and took his way, two steps at a time, to the front room on the second floor, which was headquarters for the family. The lower floor was lighted, and the quiet did not concern him. He often awaited his wife's return from her old home.

He had invested in some white chrysanthemums, and he proceeded to arrange them in the vases that adorned his wife's dressing case. If Sallie had a preference, it was for these feathery blossoms, so he placed them to the best advantage, enjoyed their reflection in the mirror and turned up the lights to see the effect against the delicate blue draperies. The waitress, who had run up stairs for a news item, observed his satisfaction. He glanced at her and asked:

"Jane, any sign of Mrs. Storer and the boy?"

"No, sir. Perhaps they are to drive out, but the mistress didn't say so. I see a note for you in the library."

"So? Get it, please."

Storer recognized Mrs. Justis' handwriting and, rather surprised, opened the note and read:

To Mr. John Storer:

Your wickedness has been discovered. I saw you today with your mistress. Make no effort to see my poor heartbroken child.

CAROLINE JUSTIS.

P. S.—The proper legal steps for obtaining a divorce will be taken as soon as possible.

C. J.

Storer sat down quite dazed at first. Gradually he collected his thoughts and surmised what had occurred. Like other good natured, even tempered, healthy young people, it took a great deal of provocation to excite his anger; but, once aroused, his fury was something terrible. He now exerted himself to control this passion, and, sending for a messenger boy, he wrote a line to his wife:

Sallie, come home at once. I can explain certain circumstances to you. JACK.

The "you" was underlined.

It seemed to him that the lad would never return. Meanwhile he busied himself so as to prevent suspicion in the house. He ordered the dinner to be kept back, tried to read the evening papers and quieted himself so effectually that he went at intervals to the windows and peered out, hoping to distinguish the tall, slender figure and its little attendant one in the twilight.

Storer was not given to putting poetry into words, but in his heart he treasured strange fancies in connection with these two jewels, his wife and this child, which seemed so much closer to her than it could possibly be to him and was for that very reason so much the more wonderful and sacred to him.

The twilight gave place to dark, and out of it came the messenger boy with this note from Mr. Justis:

Mr. John Storer:

SIR—The explanation offered must be made to me. Respectfully, RICHARD JUSTIS.

Storer dismissed the boy and retired to the library for consultation with his sensible self. Hitherto he had always risen to the emergency.

"What a confounded mess that meddling old woman has made of whatever she saw and heard this morning! But it will never do to let this thing go on. I must see Sallie at once. The idea of making her suffer!"

Storer put on his overcoat and hat, selected a cane and called to the servant:

"We're going to dine down town, Jane."

"Yes, sir."

The night air had a cooling influence. Storer was ushered into the drawing room, where in a few moments he was joined by Mr. Justis, a tall, thin, dyspeptic man who had sacrificed health to wealth.

"I will tell you the leading facts in this matter, but I cannot give names," Storer said, without losing a second in the recital. "I am very sorry on my wife's account that this thing has become public. Let her come down. There is nothing in it to affect her happiness, I assure you."

"You wouldn't give names? We should need them, you know, to verify your statement."

"What do you mean?"

"What I say."

Mr. Justis had a voice that matched his appearance—thin, weak and high. Storer gazed at him in curious amazement.

"You are doubting my word."

"The case is so peculiar," whined Mr. Justis. "It is so easy to manufacture a plausible explanation of it. I think you'll have to bring forward these friends of yours to prove your share in it."

"I want to see my wife."

"She has concluded to let me arrange this matter for her. If you will satisfy me, she will abide by my decision."

"I don't know that you are expected to believe me, but she is. Send her here, and I'll give her names on condition that she does not disclose them."

"That won't do."

"Now, look here. I'm just as anxious to settle this question now as you can possibly be. It is like springing a mine upon me, and I consider that Mrs. Justis has acted very hastily and imprudently. I will not betray the people who have trusted me, and I insist that my wife shall come here now and listen to me. If she cannot exhibit so much faith in me as this crisis demands, then I am altogether mistaken in my estimate of her character. I want you to bring her down here and her mother with her. I will not give names. Any other questions I can answer fully."

Storer sat down with the air of settled determination that takes no denial,

"You are doubting my word."

and Mr. Justis left the room. He was gone for half an hour by the clock that Storer mechanically watched.

The house was deep, the ceilings were high, the doors heavy. No sound of voices in counsel, protestation or dispute was audible. Storer could feel the silence.

Mr. Justis returned slowly, speaking a studied monologue.

"It's no use. Sallie must see these friends with her own eyes. She agrees with her mother that the story sounds improbable. Of course you could produce these people when so much is at stake."

"I just told you that they had left the city."

"It's very unfortunate for you that they have."

"Can I see my wife?"

"I think not. She has taken her position. This thing must be thoroughly explained to me so that every suspicion can be removed from my mind and her mother's. She is too much agitated to act for herself or trust to her own judgment. In such a crisis she wishes to be guided by reason, not blind impulse."

"That is a new definition for confidence in a man's honor."

"You should not have left your honor open to doubt."

"If my honor is what I think it is, I can do a kindness and be above question."

"You mustn't overestimate human nature."

"D—n such human nature as you understand! I am very sorry that my wife takes your view of it. We seem to have lived together for three years to little purpose if I have not won her perfect trust in me. What I did today under similar circumstances I'll do again. I won't be slandered or judged by any one. Sallie can come home tonight or she can stay away, as she thinks best. I need not detain you with useless arguments."

Storer left the house. He was in a condition of mind that filled him with consternation. When he reached his own stoop and looked up at the handsome windows, he felt like turning his back upon the house forever.

But he went in. Jane presented herself.

"We may not be back tonight," Storer said carelessly, then bustled about in the library and put some papers in his pocket.

His acting surprised himself. He went out again, whistling an air that would always be associated with the night and its strange doings.

WILL BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

The Dangers of Spring

Which arise from impurities in the blood and a depleted condition of this vital fluid may be entirely averted by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine cures all spring humors, boils eruptions and sores, and by enriching and vitalizing the blood, it overcomes that tired feeling and gives vital force and vigor.

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Our Woman's .....Column

THOUGHT IN WORK.

HE faculty to read the thought of another through his work is intuition. The power to express a great thought by a noble action is genius.

There are many great thoughts which are never expressed by an adequate action. The thinker has not mental force enough to bring his strong feelings into proper manifestation. Still those who have intuitive power to see through his poor attempts at expressing his thought may discern the fine motives which underlie his misshapen efforts. The painter's rude vague figures will show to those who can understand what grand objects he has longed to express. And the writer's thought, though clothed in uncouth language, will tell to those who read between the lines all that the writer longed to say and could not.

But those with intuition enough to read below the surface are few and rarely met. Generally the world reads only what it sees on the outside. So those who would appeal to the greater part of the people must learn how to express what they feel; for if they despise proper expression, their thought itself may be despised by those who judge entirely by the expression. And most people do.

To our own conscience it is necessary that our motive be pure and that our thought be right. To the looker-on or hearer something more is needed. We may act from love, but our act must also be lovely. We may speak out of kindness, but our speech must be kind or our motive may be misunderstood.

The head-waters of a little stream may be clear and pure and sweet and abundant. But if the stream flows into sight through rubbish and mud and refuse it will be scorned by those travelers who cannot go back to the source to prove its purity and beauty.

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WOMEN THROW HOT SHOT.

"You can't appreciate what may be embodied in that term bitter sweet," sighed Limpton, "till you hear two society women in conversation, each hating the other fervently, yet smiling, laughing and looking angelic while they are stabbing each other as cruelly and vigorously as though it were a real duel to the death.

"This is between us, but I just came away from a little scene confirming my view of the case. Binckley's wife had called on mine. Mrs. Binckley had said somewhere that Mrs. Limpton looked prematurely old, and that she dressed in execrable taste, considering her appearance. Of course some 'good friend' told Mrs. Limpton. I expected blue blazes when the two met, but the event showed far more diplomacy than is displayed in the management of international affairs. When Mrs. Binckley called Mrs. Limpton kissed her, clung to her hand, chided her for not coming oftener, and then, in the softest tones of solicitude, asked her if she was troubled with malaria, now prevalent. 'You look so yellow,' she went on,' and drawn. I always have you in mind as plump and rosy. Do take treatment, dear.'

"'Its nothing serious,' laughed Mrs. Binckley. 'The doctor tells me that a person with strong eyesand teeth always has wonderful recuperative powers. It is only a matter of a short time and not at all as though I had stepped permanently from my prime into old age.'

"This was hot shot, for my wife has worn glasses ever since she was a little girl, and some of her prettiest teeth were supplied by a dentist, but she blandly told of how many of her dearest friends who had a misleading appearance of health had gone with quick consumption, and they fell to talking about hired girls. Woman is a sphinx.

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GINGER BREAD.

Sift one heaping teaspoonful baking powder with three half pints flour. Stir half cupful butter or lard with one cup sugar to a cream, adding two eggs one at a time, stirring a few minutes between each addition. Add one teaspoonful ginger, half teaspoonful mace, half teaspoonful salt, one cup molasses. Then add alternately half cupful cold, strong coffee and the flour. Pour the mixture into a square pan, previously well buttered and floured and bake in slow oven.

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SAID ABOUT WOMEN.

A light wife doth make a heavy husband.—William Shakespeare.

Woman is the sweetest present that God has given to man.—Bernard Guyard.

Women cannot see as far as men can, but what they do see they see quicker.—Henry Thomas Buckle.

If woman did turn man out of paradise, she has done her best ever since to make it up to him.—Frederick Sheldon.

A man cannot possess anything that is better than a good woman, nor any thing that is worse than a bad one.—Simonides.

There are three things that women throw away—their time, their money and their health.—Marie Therese Rodet Geoffrin.

The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand or build up the system. Only 50c per bottle. For sale at Vaughan's Pharmacy, Middletown, Delaware.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS BEFORE PENINSULA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Meeting Held at Snow Hill, Md., January 12, 13, 14, 1898.

Fellow Members of the Peninsula Horticultural Society:

Again a kind Providence has spared us to meet as horticulturists after a year of additional experiences. They have been varied, but doubtless instructive to ourselves, and our presence here is in some measure an expression of desire to give others the benefit that may have been derived, and in turn to get good from them. We are to have with us invited guests from other States, who are eminent in their knowledge and ability to help us. It is pleasing, indeed, to feel and know that we can so easily avail ourselves of all these benefits, and, perhaps, in turn do good to others. How unlike the ordinary business man is the tiller of the soil? Who, merchant, or mechanic, or inventor is ready to give to his fellowman the secrets of his success, when there is any chance of him becoming thereby a competitor in business?

Not long since I was talking with a prominent grower of export apples, who said to me: "What fools we fruit growers are, to publish all we know about our business." He very forcibly went on to express the idea that as soon as we find some better variety, some improved method of culture, good location or new market we rush into print and tell everyone else of it; so that, it is not long until the business is generally understood in all its details and perhaps over done. Then no one can make much out of it.

Now this is quite true in theory, but not so generally in practice; and, why not? Because it is not in human nature generally to take the pains to accurately follow the directions that are necessary to success. A few may do so, and even improve upon the previous ideas. Why do we not have first-class fruits grown and marketed more commonly than poor, wormy, scabby stuff? Are best varieties and the best methods of manuring, cultivating, spraying, thinning, sorting and packing not generally known? Verily they are. But how many do them all; or even a part of them thoroughly?

It is true that we are apt to rush into the planting of some cheap and easily grown fruit like the Kieffer pear, the Elberta peach, the Concord grape, or the Ben Davis apple, but, who grows and markets faultless Bartlett or Anjou pears, or Brighton grapes that will always bring a top price in a fancy market? I recently met the Steward of the Waldorf Hotel in New York city, who was trying to learn from me where he could find such fruit to put on his dining tables as he saw on the exhibition tables. He said he would gladly pay a good price for that which was really choice. I could only give him the names of a few growers who I thought might satisfy him.

Now what may we learn from these suggestions? If anything, this: That we need not be stingy of our knowledge; "freely we have received, freely give." That there is room for very much of improvement in all our ways of doing things. Our information is far ahead of our practice. We talk of over production, and there is an over-production of poor fruits and vegetables; but there is not of such as is really choice, and, perhaps, there never will be.

It would be folly to say that our insect enemies and fungous diseases are not a serious drawback to all branches of horticulture. Indeed they sometimes utterly destroy our crops. But were it not for them it would be almost too easy to produce good fruits and vegetables in great abundance. They make the wide-awake and industrious struggle to get to the head of the line and keep the ignorant and lazy in the rear where they belong. These apparently insignificant, yet mighty enemies, by reason of their stealthy habits and countless myriads, keep us on the alert. And who is not the better for being busy? In the tropics where things grow in almost boundless abundance and with very little labor, there is less of happiness and sterling character. Our battles for supremacy over nature bring out the best there is in us. From a business standpoint, it may be, that the dreaded San Jose Scale will be a blessing, by causing us to have laws enacted and to look after all our insect enemies and the fungous diseases too; and far better than if we had never heard of it. There are two sides to all these questions of our troubles in horticulture. Let us look carefully and fairly at them and work accordingly. In no case let us give up to them and lazily and foolishly bemoan our lot. We were given dominion over the earth and all that is in and that includes the bugs as well as the bears. Let us not make bugbears of any of them.

The very important part which water plays in horticulture may not be generally realized. When we think of the vast amount of water that is needed to bring a crop of any kind to perfection, which, for our main crops of grain, fruits or vegetables, is usually not less than five inches in depth over the whole surface of the land occupied, amounting to more than 135,000 gallons, we can easily see something of its importance. It is also estimated that there can and should be fully 400,000 gallons of water in the first three feet in depth of an ordinary soil, without having an excess of it sufficient to hurt plant or tree roots. That is, a good moist soil and sub-soil to the depth of three feet contains this much.

Then the plants and trees are constantly pumping it out of the soil by their roots and turning it into the air through their leaves, and, at a very rapid rate, too. It has been calculated by good authorities that a large apple tree will exhale 400 gallons per day when in a vigorous state of growth.

And further, the crops which we horticulturists sell are largely composed of water; in some cases more than 95 per cent. of their weight. Moreover, it is chiefly water that ourselves and our customers want. But it must be delicately flavored, beautifully colored and put up in neat and tasty packages, such as lucious fruits and wholesome vegetables. Flowers, are also chiefly water and sunshine combined with surpassing taste and contrasted and blended in endless variety.

We should therefore endeavor to so manage and prepare our soil that it will be spongy and absorb the largest amount of water possible, and then cultivate the surface so as to prevent its escape, except through the crops we are growing. Then we will have water that is better than wine to use and to sell and even to give away to those who are less thoughtful and less provident.

In these days when our virgin land that nature has been fertilizing for thousands of centuries is becoming scarce, and is being robbed of its fertility faster and faster, we should give the closest attention to not only maintaining but increasing the fertility of our land. We have only begun to farm in this country. We are just learning the a, b, c of the business. We have been living upon the stores of fertility that mother nature has kindly prepared in the surface ready for our use. Now it is our duty and our necessity to understand as well as is possible what the plants need and what the soil needs to supply their wants. We must also know how best to procure and apply what is needed.

Already the farmers and fruit growers of this Peninsula are foremost in the use of crimson clover as a means of extracting nitrogen from the inexhaustible supply in the air, and furnishing humus to the soil much cheaper than by expensive purchase and cartage of coarse manures. And some of them are wide-awake to the advantage of buying potash and phosporic acid in their concentrated forms and mixing them at home, rather than to gratuitously swell the bank accounts of the dealers and manufacturers of mixed fertilizers. There are now millions of dollars lost in this way by the farmers of America that might easily be saved.

By the practice of intelligent economy in our plans and operations, such as the cheap enrichment of the soil and selling off only water and sunshine, we may make our farms better and better instead of poorer and poorer, and get pleasure and profit besides.

The past year has been fairly prosperous as regards crops and prices notwithstanding the many troubles which have beset us. There have been some advances made in the matter of laws looking to the ridding of our orchards and fields of insect and fungous pests, and their future protection. We should be ready and willing to do everything within our power to support these laws and to futher their execution. Our personal preferences should be swallowed up and forgotten in our desire to advance the public good. A little inconvenience or hardship is nothing when compared to the higher duty which we owe to others.

For all these blessings we should feel profoundly thankful. We should look to the future with fixed desires to improve upon the past, with firm faith in our calling, and with hopes that shall be inspired by the most noble purposes.—H. E. Van Deman.

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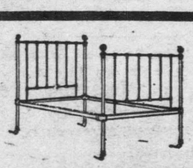

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YESTERDAY'S Milford "Chronicle" brings the gratifying information that Mr. Chas. H. Treat who for years carried on a large manufacturing business in Sussex county and in 1888 was the standard bearer of the Republicans of the State for Congress, making the most active, the most thorough campaign ever made in Delaware, is being pushed by his friends for the Internal Revenue Collectorship of New York City. The office is worth about, $8,000, and every Republican in Delaware who appreciate the campaigns of 1886, temperance, and 1888 when the effective work was done which has since brought political liberty in the New Constitution, would be glad to see Mr. Treat recognized. He is Chairman of the Campaign Committee of the Republican Clubs of New York City and a hardworker for Republicanism always. We hope later to congratulate Mr. Treat and the Administration upon his appointment.

The "Chronicle" says "Mr. Treat resurrected the Republican party of Delaware after the obnoxious disfranchising laws of 1873 had wrecked and scattered its organization," adding "to the shame of Sussex county members of the Legislature then chosen, Mr. Treat was betrayed in the house of his friends and was turned down for United States Senator for Delaware."

Who did it? Who are the guilty parties charged by the "Chronicle"? Two of the "Chronicle's" closest political friends—David O. Moore and J. E. Addicks. Moore bolted the caucus in 1889 swearing he would never vote for Mr. Treat and Addicks claims that he controlled his (Moore's) vote the next day. Addicks was there then to purchase a seat in the Senate. The "Chronicle" has supported Moore since as a candidate for the Legislature notwithstanding his record and it has supported Addicks though he is responsible for Kenney's being in the Senate instead of a Republican. The "Chronicle" should be ashamed of its acts and the acts of its friends. They are the betrayers of Delaware Republicanism.

THERE is but little new in the Spanish-Cuban matter this week. Congress unanimously in both Houses appropriated $50,000,000 for the purposes of defence and peace—for war if Spain so decides. The inquiry commission as to the loss of the Maine has not yet reported; the delay is favorable to peace and is commendable since every hour has been utilized to show the Spanish authorities that the American people are a unit in upholding the Administration, and Spain must settle the Cuban question without further unnecessary delay. It was hinted that the recall of Consul Lee would be agreeable to Spain but President McKinley's "no" was so emphatic that the hint was dropped. Gen. Lee is able, courageous and patriotic—the right man in the right place. War or peace rests with Spain, as she may choose. Wheat in Spain is selling for $2.80 a bushel; one dollar represents the profits because of the scarcity at $1.80 the present normal price there.

IN our local columns will be found a program of the semi-annual exhibition of the Middletown Academy forty-one years ago. It is suggestive of a prosperous school with many students attending from a distance. Contrasted with the Academy of to-day with its inferior facilities it is painful—painful because the same funds which sustained a school then exist now and for the same purposes, and the children of 1898 are entitled to the benefits which those funds should give them. The TRANSCRIPT has but one object—the improvement of the schools, the use of all the means available for better school facilities. Without prejudice or favor the interests of the children and the good of the town demand an understanding with the trustees of the Academy. They hold funds intended for one purpose—the education of the youth of Middletown. Those funds are not being used for that purpose, not to any appreciable extent. Why not? We recognize the fact that differences of opinion may exist upon any subject but nothing can be more suggestive of the present needs of the Academy than the contrast made by the program and condition of the school forty years ago. Patrons of the Academy—think.

TWO more arrests have been made this week in the Boggs-Bank case. John R. McGonigal and Harry Ford, of Dover, were arrested on Wednesday and held in bail for their appearance with Cooper, Clark, Cole and Butler. The Wilmington "Sun" which gave the public the first information of the connection of these parties with the looting of the Bank and was so pugnaciously made to answer a libel suit by Col. Cooper while the other papers pooh-poohed the Sun's statements as sensational, now charges that our junior senator is interested in the matter, and yesterday it stated that "Jack Collins," the mysterious individual who carried bags of gold from the Bank and who aided Cooper in getting Boggs away, has been located and will soon be arrested. Let no guilty man escape, should be the motto.

THE eighth of the Delaware College articles appears to-day. They are interesting to all but especially to teachers.

JOHN WANAMAKER has signified his willingness to accept the nomination for Governor, and to enter a fight against Boss Quay if it takes all summer, the fall and part of the winter.

A TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND.

MR EDITOR: You ask me for some reminiscences of my early association with your late esteemed townsman, John A. Reynolds, Esq., whose death on the 5th. inst. at the advanced age of 84 removed from your community a citizen widely known and universally respected.

My acquaintance with Mr. Reynolds goes back more than 60 years. When I was a student of Delaware, (then Newark) College, in 1836, he was engaged in farming near the village, and in company with one or two fellow students I often, visited his house, always meeting with a cordial reception—After leaving Newark we met occasionally and my regard for him increased with my personal intercourse and knowledge of his character.

It was in 1853 (not 1857 as given in in your letter) that the memorable legislature met in Dover, of which Mr. Reynolds and I were Whig members of the House of Representatives, this was the last Whig triumph in Delaware, a battle hardly won under the astute leadership of the sagacious Clayton. The Senate was Democratic by a small majority, but on joint ballot there was a Whig majority of four. A United States Senator was to be elected, and John M. Clayton was the choice of the Whigs, as much on account of his commanding talents and presence, as to give him an opportunity of replying to General Lewis Cass and other members of the Senate, who had criticised and attacked his policy as Secretary of State in President Taylor's cabinet, and especially in regard to the liberal international provisions of what is knows as The Clayton—Bulwer Treaty, negotiated in 1852.

The desire of the Whigs to secure a joint meeting of the two houses in order to elect Clayton was so strong that they agreed to vote in the House for the Democratic candidates for the two officers for State Treasurer and Auditor of Accounts, and by this compromise their object was accomplished and Clayton was elected and entered upon his last term.

This was a remarkable session of the Legislature in other respects. The temperance question had come to the front, and several members had been elected by the aid of the temperance vote; among others the late Hon. Eli Saulsbury, who was one of the most active, able, and as the Whig members thought, aggressive members on the Democratic side.

The action on the many phases of the temperance movement, was nonpartisan, and finally a bill for Local Option was introduced, and without much discussion, was adopted by a large majority.

By far the most important measure before the Legislature, was The "Supplement to the Charter of the Delaware Railroad Company," authorizing it to connect with the New Castle & French Town Railroad and enlarging the privileges of the Company to meet the requirements of its extension. This would change the original design of the Company, which was organized to build a Railroad from the Steamboat Landing seven miles east of Dover, to Seaford. It was understood that the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R. R. Co., would render vaulable aid in building the road, if satisfactory legislation could be obtained; those interested in the enterprise were therefore anxious the Supplement should not be loaded with conditions, that would warrant its rejection by the P.W. & B. Co. When the bill came to the House the writer was asked to take charge of it—this was quite early in the session. There were perhaps a few members of the House hostile to Railroad corporations on general principles, but the opposition to the bill that soon devoloped was on other grounds. Sussex county wanted the bill so amended as to require the Company to build a road to Lewes by way of Georgetown; the land owners of New Castle county on the line of survey demanded a stringent amendment in regard to land damages; all local interests must be guarded, and the road heavily taxed for the benefit of the State.

The proceedings in the House were of more than usual interest, the members evincing a sincere desire to serve their constituents faithfully; and in this respect, no one deserves a higher encomium, or more honorable mention, that John A. Reynolds. In later years I frequently met Mr. Reynolds at the meetings of the Trustees of Delaware College; he had been long a member of the Board, and in this, as in every other trust, his course and action was marked by a strong sense of the responsibility resting upon him, and a conscientious desire to perform will his duty. John A. Reynold's life was a long and useful one, though he may not have been in all things successful, he will be remembered by those who knew him as an honorable, guileless christian gentleman.

Very truly yours,
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Dover, Del. March 10th, 1898.

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DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. John Cairns is critically ill.

Capt. McMunn was in town on Monday.

The Misses Colburn returned on Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Wingate, Sr., is improving in health.

The Major Reybold resumed her trips on Tuesday.

Miss Hannah Swan has returned to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Emma Robertson is visiting friends in Smyrna.

Miss T. Murch is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Milne.

Miss J. W. J. Marley was in Wilmington on Saturday.

Mr. H. Moore has accepted a position in Philadelphia.

Mr. Geo. N. Bright visited Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mr. Geo. Bidd le, of Wilmington, was in town this week.

Mr. F. Gray spent Sunday with his parents in Wilmington.

Rev. Dr. Geo. C. Hall officiated in Christ Church on Tuesday night.

Mrs. John Davidson has returned from the hospital but is very ill.

Mrs. Sprankle is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Colburn.

Prayer meeting has been resu med in the Presbyterian lecture room.

Mr. H. Connelly, of Wilmington, spent Monday and Tuesday in town.

Rev. L. A. Oates visited Baltimore and Washington, D. C., this week.

Dr. Dunlap is having the frame house adjoining his grounds enlarged.

Dr. L. E. Barrett will preach in the M: E. Church next Sunday evening.

Miss Carrie Clark is the guest of her sister Mrs. Mitchell in Aberdeen, Md.

Mrs. N. Geo. Price visited Mrs. Price senior in Wilmington on Thursday.

Mrs. Thomas Taylor, of Wilmington, visited her mother and sister on Sunday.

Mrs. John Keane and Miss Berenice made a brief visit to Phiadelphia this week.

Mrs. Frank Reybold entertained her sister, Miss Florence Tyabout on Tuesday.

Mrs. Clayton VonCulin and daughter spent Sunday with friends in Philadelphia.

The lumber and bricks for the house to be built for Mr. F. C. Warner arrived this week.

The Mite Society of the Pres. Church met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Geo. W. Reybold.

Messrs. Frank Pordham, William J. Beck and Stewart Beck were in Wilmington on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Benson, of Rock land, visited relatives and friends in town on Sunday.

Francis D. Dunlap has been appointed bridge-tender to fill the vacancy caused by his father's death.

A collection will be taken for the benefit of the Cuban sufferers on Sunday in the M. E. Sunday School.

The ladies of Christ Church parish have been making further and most desirable improvements at the rectory.

Dr. and Mrs. Dunlap entertained Mrs. F. T. Eagle, of New Castle; and Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Clark, of Philadelphia on Monday.

The W. C. T. U. met on Monday evening at the M. E. parsonage. An unusually interesting meeting was held; sketches of Miss Willard's life were read.

The fishermen have been out in the river with their nets for a week. About 1000 herring were caught in the locks on Sunday night (Query—Has gentle spring come with the herring, the blue bird, the robin, and the frog?)

Miss Laura Frempt, who has held the position of leading soprano in the choir of the Pres. Church for eleven years, has resigned. This fact is to be deplored as the absence of Miss Frempt's voice will be keenly felt. As leader of the choir she has given her time and energy with unfailing interest and her friends regret her decision.

Mr. E. Hance has made a clean sweep in the old yard of the Maxwell house. Several of our town people have improved (?) the trees on their sidewalks by heheading them. These trees and the grass-grown streets (when they are clean) are the attractive features of the town.

Bishop Coleman presided at a meeting in the parish house after service last Thursday night, for the purpose of considering the advisability of calling a rector. Since that time the Rev. Mr. Vanderbroken was tendered a call. Up to this date it has not been accepted although very little doubt seems to exist about his acceptance.

TOWNSEND NOTES.

The foundation for the new Shirt Factory is being laid.

Mrs. Bertha West, of Baltimore, is visiting her mother.

Presiding Elder Corkran preached here on Sunday evening.

The "Ladies Aid" has purchased two new carpets for the parsonage.

Mrs. Rose, of Newark, visited friends here during the past week.

Mrs. J. C. Staats and son Wilbert, of Fairlee, Md., were guests of Mrs. J. Z. Staats on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Phillips, attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Butler, of St. Georges, on Thursday.

A Social was given by the young folks, at the home of Miss Gertie Hutchison near town on Thursday evening.

The W. C. T. U. met on Wednesday afternoon. They were favored with a visit from Mrs. Mary L. Cox, of Middletown.

Harvey Naylor who was so seriously injured by the cars is now in Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, and is doing as well as can be expected.

The entertainment given in the hall Tuesday evening by Rev. J. D. C. Hanna was well attended. The receipts added $15.00 to the S. S. library fund.

Mr. Henry H. Woodkeeper.

Henry H. Woodkeeper, an aged and respected citizen of New Castle county died at his home near Taylor's Bridge last Sunday afternoon, in his seventy-first year. He had been in failing health the past three years but seemed no worse Sunday till about one o'clock when death came quietly while sitting in a chair.

Mr. Woodkeeper had lived in this neighborhood all his life, and served one session in the General Assembly. He was one of the oldest members of Friendship Church having been a member since 1842.

Forty-two years ago he married Miss Elizabeth Staats who with a son and daughter survive him. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. W. Layfield. Interment was made in Friendship cemetery.

THE MIDDLETOWN ACADEMY.

Among the papers of Miss Sarah J. Reynolds, of Newark. Del., a sister of Mr. John A. Reynolds, who were separated in death by a few weeks only, was found the following program of the "Semi-Annual Exhibition of the Middletown Academy, held in Forest Church, on Thursday Evening, March 26, 1857." This paper is interesting personally because of the many familiar names, names of young men and youths then, since grown to manhood and many passed into the great beyond, while others are now in active life here or elsewhere. Many of them are readers of the TRANSCRIPT in distant homes and look back to their Academy days with great pleasure; the paper is interesting moreover for what the Academy has been and is not now; it is suggestive also of the "new woman" whose ante-type was not apparently allowed upon the public rostrumn. The program follows:

Order of Exercises.

MUSIC.

1. Introductory Address,
   Charles C. Heisler, Christiana, Del.
2. Washington,
   Robert H. Davis, Levels, Del.
3. Foreign Conquest,
   John T. Walker, Middletown, Del.
4. Ambition, True and False,
   Joseph S. Gibbs, Levels, Del.
5. The Patriot's Ambition,
   Thomas W. Bucke. Middletown, Del.
6. Apostrophe to Washington,
   Thomas Cochran, New Castle Co., Del.

MUSIC.

7. The Worthies of the Revolution,
   Ash. S. Pennington, Middletown, Del.
8. The Perpetuity of our Liberties,
   James Virdin, Camden, Del.
9. The Pilot,
   Merritt N. Willitts, Middletown, Del.
10. Poland,
    George N. Gill, Levels, Del.
11. The Constitution,
    J. Randolph Holten, New Castle Co., Del.
12. Dialogue, "The Poor Man's Labor Never Done,"
    Joseph Gary, Kent Co., Md.
    John Silcox, Middletown, Del.

MUSIC.

13. Mental Improvement,
    John T. Wilson, Levels, Del.
14. The 22d of February,
    William B. Marvel, Kent, Co., Del.
15. The Stateman's Ambition,
    William H. Cochran, Levels, Del.
16. The Charms and Missions of Life,
    William Green, Middletown, Del.
17. Young America,
    T. Ross Hanson, New Castle, Co., Del.; Thos. H. Rothwell, Levels, Del.; J. Frank Cochran Levels, Del.; Jos. M. Vanhikle, Del. City, Del.; Frank W. Billopp, Levels, Del.; G. Vincent Reynolds, Levels, Del.; William W. Miller, Wilmington, Del.; Edwin L. Dyrs, Kent Co., Md.; B. Snow. Gill, Levels, Del.; Samuel Fennimore, Odessa, Del.

MUSIC.

18. Education,
    Henry G. Riley, Middletown, Del.
19. Crime, its Own Detector,
    Garrett V. Cox, Middletown, Del.
20. Infidelity,
    William N. Wilson, Levels, Del.
21. History,
    Joseph H. Enos, Odessa, Del.
22. The Patriotism of '76,
    Egbert D. Heisler, Christiana, Del.

MUSIC.

23. The integrity of the People,
    George R. Holding, Smyrna, Del.
24. The Gray Eagle,
    Joseph Hanson, Jr., New Castle Co., Del.; Isaac Vanhikle, Middletown, Del.; Slater C. Blaskiston, Middletown, Del.; R. Eugene Cochran, Middletown, Del.; Henry S. Cochran, Middletown, Del.; George Derrickson, Middletown, Del.; Thos. C. Murphey, Middletown, Del.;
25. The Perils of the Early Settlers,
    Thos. B. Wood, Winchester, Va.
26. Devotion to the Union,
    J. M. Maxwell, Middletown, Del.
27. The Refugees of the Revolution,
    John D. Whitting, Chester County, Pa.
28. American Enterprize,
    Benjamin F. Kanely, Levels, Del.

MUSIC.

29. The Extension of the Republic,
    William D. Hazel, Smyrna, Del.
30. The Past, Present and Future,
    Charles H. McWhorter, St. Georges, Del.
31. The Pilgrim Fathers,
    James P. Rothwell, Levels, Del.
32. The Old Dominion,
    J. Frank Hazel, Smyrna, Del.
33. Massachusetts,
    John Wroth, Jr., Cecilton, Md.
34. Lafayette,
    Cuthbert S. Hayes, Middletown, Del.
35. Slavery,
    John Smalley, Christiana, Del.

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ODESSA NOTES.

Miss Emma Lord spent Monday with her sister, Miss Virginia Lord.

Miss Addie Roberts was the guest of Odessa relatives on Monday.

Mr. Potter, of Wilmington, was in town Tuesday and tuned several pianos.

Miss May Enos has returned from a pleasant visit among Maryland friends.

Miss Etta Rose, of Newark, Del., spent Sunday with her father, Mr. David C. Rose.

Mrs. W. O. Hurst returned, on Saturday, from a pleasant visit with Wilmington friends.

A number of men from here resumed work on the battery at Delaware City on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Sutphin, of Trenton, N. J., was the guest of Mrs. Wm. R. Davis on Tuesday.

Chief Justice Charles B. Lore, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mr. L. V. Aspril on Sunday.

Miss Annie Lord, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Miss Virginia Lord.

Mr. John W. Watkins and family of Smyrna, spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Watkins. Mr. Watkins returned home Monday. Mrs. Watkins and her little girls will remain for a visit.

The last of a series of lectures under the auspices of the Epworth League, was given by Dr. E. L. Hubbard, of Baltimore, on Thursday evening. Following the lecture was a social and musical in the Sunday School room. The evening was one long to be remembered by all present.

Mrs. Mary H. Gamm, of St. Georges, was buried in St. Paul's M. E. Cemetry on Friday afternoon. Services were held at her late residence in St. Georges but the casket was taken in the church and opened so that her many friends here might look for the last time upon the remains. Mrs. Gamm spent all her life in Odessa until her marriage last October to Mr. J. H. S. Gamm and she leaves many warm friends to mourn her early death. She died of typhoid pneumonia.

The St. Paul's M. E. Sunday School held their Missionary Anniversary last Sunday evening. The program consisted principally of music by the school and several classes of young girls. The orator of the evening was Chief Justice Lore. The church was filled, as Judge Lore spent his boyhood days in Odessa, and he has many warm friends and admirers here. His talk on missions was very interesting and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The school responded splendidly, the collcetion for the evening amounting to $60.00 and to $100 for the year.

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5c Yard, Dress Ginghams in remnents of 5 to 12 yards, new dress styles, new patterns and is sold regularly at 8c the yard.

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12 1-2c Yard, Pillow Case Tubing Muslin, 42 inches wide, the 15c value.

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Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock. H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 3 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fri days of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

To Subscribers.

SUBSCRIPTION BILLS for all amounts due the TRANSCRIPT for one year and over are being made out and will be mailed. This does not mean that any inconvenience shall be taken to settle, but only as reminders of the many small sums due and that early settlement will be appreciated. There are many who pay at the beginning of the year--in advance; many pay during the year; others settle at the close of the year. These are all satisfactory. If for good reasons some go beyond a year the newspaper can "carry" a few but a large delinquent list is "no good" and a good paper cannot afford it. Consult your label and remit, please.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAR. 12, 1898

Local News.

—Now is the time for weddings and parties, and the place to get handsome invitations printed cheap is at the TRANSCRIPT office. Our prices are less than half the city engravers charge.

Governor Tunnell has pardoned Morris Gooding, confined in New Castle jail for larceny, and Nora Brinkley, alias Harris, confined in Dover jail on the charge of forgery.

—Doubt has been raised as to the eligibility of Wm. R. Cochran for town commissioner, he not having paid a town tax having moved to town only ten months since.

—President McKinley's address at the Commercial Museum in Philadelphia was reported (by appointment) by a graduate of Goldey (Wil. Del.) Commercial and horthand. Send for Catalogue

—The poem sent from Odessa should have been accompanied by the author's name—not for publication but as a pledge of originality and good faith. Send the name.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

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—See our *Cook Stoves and Ranges*, medium size, large or small. All at surprising low prices, and yet ten per cent off for cash. MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

—Rev. S. R. Queen, of Philadelphia, will preach in Drawyer's Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Sunday March 13th. Services at 10.30 a. m.

—The musicians—Germans, two ladies and three men, who discoursed music through the towns of Delaware this week, lived at the hotels and traveled by rail.

—FOR SALE.—A fine lot of Fresh Cows and Springers—Alderneys and Guernseys. J. K. LONG, Middletown.

—Are you reading the new stories on our first page? They are interesting—purchased expressly for the TRANSCRIPT readers.

—GIRL WANTED.—Respectable white girl about fourteen to do housework for small family in town. Good home,
Apply at this office.

—Neither a borrower nor a lender be; for loan oft loses both itself and friend and borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry."

FOR SALE.—150,000 two year old Palmetto Asparagus crowns, R. LOCKWOOD,
Georgetown, Md.

—W. P. Biggs has sold his Sassafras Neck farm to W. A. Matthews, 200 acres and consideration $11,500.

—Lloyd Strawberry, the most prolific and popular to date plants for sale at one half market price.
H. W. Viven, Bridgeville, Del.

—"How to Keep the Christian Endeavor Pledge" is the topic for to-morrow evening at 6.45.

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—Shad and strawberries appeared in our markets imultaneously yesterday. How toothsome!

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—Mr. L. P. McDowell left yesterday for the west where he expects to purchase a herd of cows.

—FOR RENT.—The house occupied by Jas. K. Orrell, on East Main street.
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—FOR SALE—Chestnut posts and rails. Apply to George Buckwith, St. Augustine, Md.

—FOR RENT.—One Dwelling on Main street and two in the rear.
MISS FANNIE SHEPHERD.

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—New Upright Piano for sale cheap.
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Everybody uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

—FOR SALE.—Apply at this office. Drop

—The fogs have been unusually heavy for several mornings the past week.

—Burglars visited David & Price and Cook & Brady on Tuesday night raiding the safes which contained very little coin, neither being locked. This is a warning to business men that rogues are around.

—FOR SALE.—A fine farm of 74 acres, 15 acres woodland, nice dwelling, good granary and stables, orchard and vineyard, not far from water and rail facilities. Terms easy at private sale. Inquire at TRANSCRIPT office.

—The Epworth League meets every Sunday evening in the lecture room of the M. E. Church at 6.45 sharp. Subject for tomorrow is "The Breadth of God's Love," to be led by Mr. Charles Folks. All are welcome.

—Advantages of LeGore's Combination of Lime above others are, it acts quicker asts longer, takes less per acre. For State analysis and scientific test, testimonials, prices, &c, address, J. W. LeGore, Woodsboro, Md.

—Every farmer should grow cucumbers. They are profitable as a crop, and the Philadelphia Pickling Company, whose advertisement in the TRANSCRIPT is ready to contract for many acres of them, and pay cash on delivery at the steamer in Odessa.

—FOR SALE—The Parker House on Cochran street; two nice residences on Cass street; one fine property on North Broad street; two nice ones on South Broad street; also several farms near town. Apply to
GEORGE W. INGRAM

—Rev. R. Irving Watkins who has served the M. E. Churches at Odessa and at Cecilton has been invited by the Methodists of New Castle to that pastorate. Mr. Watkins is one of the ablest pulpit orators of the younger men of the Wilmington Conference

—Have just received two carloads fertilizers and fertilizer materials for early truck and all spring crops, now stored in warehouse for quick delivery. Send in your orders. JESSE L. SHEPHERD
S. M. REYNOLDS, Agt.

—Twigs of peach, apple, cherry, lilac or the flowering current, cut off now and placed in a vase in a sunny window and given plenty of water, will soon burst into bloom. In the invalid's room or nursery these couriers of the spring will find a special welcome.

—Sabbath last was Missionary Day in the M. E. Sunday-school when the full contribution for the year, $360.00, was raised and provided for. The church outside the Sunday-school contributes $100.00, making a total of $460.00 to the cause of missions from the congregation and school.

—Forks, Shovels, Spades, Axes, Rope Traces, Chain Traces, Hames, Curry Combs, Horse Brushes, Farm Bells, Grindstones and all other kinds of Hardware, Tin Ware and Wooden Ware suited to the season at "way down prices," at
MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

—"A Masquerade Luncheon" will be given by the Y. P. S. C. E. of Forest Presbyterian Church at the Academy on Tuesday evening next. An admission of 10cts. will be charged entitling the purchaser to some article on the menu. A nominal sum will be charged for other articles. Everybody welcome.

—Mr. Henry R. Higgins advertises in this issue the sale of his sixty head of superb Jersey Cows on his farm near Delaware City. For "Michael Lambert," one of the sires of this herd, Congressman Sebley of Pennsylvania paid the magnificent sum of $12,500 00 when a six month calf. This appears like a small fortune to the average farmer—and it is—but it illustrates the value at which blooded stock is held. Read the ad. for description.

—Rev. W. F. Corkran, presiding elder of Eastern District, filled the M. E. pulpit on Sunday morning, the text being a part of the Lord's Prayer—"Thy Kingdom come." It was a thoughtful, logical, able discourse, aptly illustrated. Dr. Corkran is one of the leading members of the Wilmington M. E. Conference by reason of his natural ability and unfailing activity, and he gives the people an acceptable gospel—the doses may be a trifle large at times; he talked over an hour on Sunday morning.

—The financial statement of the town has been issued by the Town Fathers for the past year. The Town Commissioners have had for expenditure $8,847.65 of which $1,303.14 was "notes discounted." The bonded debt of the town is $34,000.00; the water plant has cost to date $29,879.26 and the light plant $12,172 85. The revenue of the water plant for the year is $2,190.14, operated at a profit of $419.00; the revenue of the light plant is $4 201.97, operated at a profit of $1,166.08. The statement is interesting to tax payers.

—Mr. G. E. Hukill has lost two of his efficient helpers in his business and the town has lost the presence and society of two of its most prominent young men—Mr. J. C. Kelley and Mr. Harry Budd—because of wider and more promising business prospects elsewhere. Mr. Budd goes to Wilmington and Mr. Kelley to Philadelphia; they sever their business relations with Mr. Hukill with many regrets. Their places have been taken by Mr. William Wright, of Middletown, and Mr. Bassett Ferguson, nephew of Mrs. C. B. Satterfield and the late 'Squire Ferguson.

—At the town election on Monday there were 61 votes cast. For commissioners George G. Rowe received 32 votes and Wm. R. Cochran 28 votes, electing them for two years. Votes were also cast for Wm. H. Johnson, G. W. W. Naudain and Alfred Green. Mr. Johnson received 27 votes or within one of tying Mr. Cochran. For Assessor Jos. C. Jolls received 42 votes and A. Hushebeck 19. L. Darlington and W. R. Reynolds were elected treasurer and alderman without opposition. Messrs. G. W. W. Naudain and W. S. Letherbury retire from the Board after faithful service of eight and nine years respectively.

—It may sound a little startling, but is said to be true, that more young men are learning trades in the penitentiaries than outside of them, because the parents are trying to make clerks, doctors, lawyers and even preachers out of material intended for blacksmiths, carpenters and other trades for mechanics. The trouble is that boys are too eager to avoid the labor of life, and too anxious to follow some calling that does not soil their hands. And the parent is responsible for this. Boys should be taught that there is more dignity in manuel labor than in loafing, and more honor to toil than in dependence. The farm and the shop often yield more profit than the office or the counter.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news, send it early. What may seem of no interest to you, may be pleasing to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Mrs. A. M. Browne was in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

—Mr. F. D. Strickland, of Clayton, was in town on Tuesday.

—Mr. D. L. Dunning was in town on Sunday and Monday.

—Mrs. Carrie McCoy, of Summit Bridge, is the guest Miss Holten this week.

—Mr. W. Reese Parker was the guest of Dover friends over Sunday last week.

—Miss Bessie Reynolds spent several days this week with friends in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. Edwin Prettyman and Mrs. C. P. Gears, of Smyrna, were in town yesterday.

—Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D. has been at Atlantic City this week, returning home today.

—Presiding Elder Corkran was entertained by District Stewart A. G. Cox on Sunday.

—Mrs. W. A. McCrone and daughter, of McDonough, spent yesterday with her father's family.

—Mrs. G. W. W. Naudain and Miss Naudain are visiting Mrs. Emerson Polk, of Pocomoke City, Md.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Cooper, of Oxford, Md., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.

—Mrs. J. C. Staats and son, of Farlee, Md., have been guests of her mother and sisters the past week.

—Mrs. Daniel Barnard spent several days during the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds.

—Mr. S. M. Reynolds is out again, and Mr. Edward Reynolds is doing as well as can be expected his physician states.

—Mrs. Charles Sutphin, of Trenton, N. J., spent several days with her aunt, Mrs. John A. Reynolds, the early part of the week.

—Mr. Curtis Holten, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents in town. He was accompanied by his friend, Mr. Johnson.

—Messrs. Frank, Al. and Victor Reynolds all of Philadelphia, were in town on Monday attending the funeral of their grandfather, Mr. John A. Reynolds.

—Mr. William Leatherberry left on Wednesday for Asheville, North Carolina, where he has gone for an indefinite stay, hoping to be benefitted from the climate.

—Miss Alice Outcalt, having been elected as successor to Miss Lillian Budd as teacher in the public schools, arrived in town on Thursday. She will assume her new duties on Monday with the best wishes of pupils, parents and friends.

—Mr. John C. C. Kelley has accepted a position with the Betts Brothers, Lumber Merchants of Philadelphia. Mr. Kelley left on Monday for his new field of labor, his friends regretting very much his departure from our town but wishing him abundant success,

—Rev. W. J. Wilkie exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Walker of Calvary P. E. Church, Wilmington, this week. Mr. Wilkie preached in Calvary Church on Tuesday and Mr. Walker in St. Anne's on Wednesday. Mr. Wilkie will preach in Delaware City on Tuesday evening next.

Second Anniversary.

The Y. M. C. A. will celebrate its second anniversary on Friday evening, March 18th, in the M. E. Church, the meeting beginning promptly at 7:45. The program is in charge of Messrs. J. F. Deakyne and J. Frank McWhorter and Dr. Chas. A. Ritchie. They have arranged the following order of exercises:

Orchestra.
"America".....by Congregation
Invocation.... by Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D.
Orchestra.
Report of President and Secretary.
Selection.....by Male Quartette
Report of Treasurer and Ladies Auxiliary.
Orchestra.
Address.....by Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D.
Solo.....by Miss Daisy Naudain
Address.....by F. H. Burgess, Esqr.
Selection.....by Mixed Quartette
Address.....by Rev. I. L. Wood, Ph. D.
Coronation Benediction
Orchestra.

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Many People Cannot Drink

coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer to-day. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.

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MY MARYLAND.

Miss Nellie Weston, daughter of J. H. Weston, of Easton, was married Monday evening to William R. Parks, of Baltimore, at the residence of S. E. Whitman, her uncle, on North street, Easton, by the Rev. William Poisal. The wedding was private, only a few friends being present. Mr. Parks started for the Klondyke on Tuesday. His bride did not accompay him. It was a short honeymoon says the Centreville, Md., "Record."

NECROLOGY.

Mr. John A. Reynolds.

How relentless is the march of time! But three brief years ago the writer came to town and among the pleasant acquaintances formed was that of Mr. John A. Reynolds, a gentleman of the old school who had retired from the activities of life and yet with erect form, firm step and active mind looked as though a half score of years were his at least. In reminiscencies and local history Mr. Reynolds was most interesting in conversation—and too soon these delightful links connecting the past with the present are severed. The march of time is relentless in its work of change and decay. Mr. Reynolds was one of the three Whigs elected in this county at the last election of John M. Clayton to the United States Senate when the vote was so close in every county in the State. Mr. Ephraim Bessten was another of the trio, the third named by Mr. Reynolds has slipped our memory.

Mr. John A. Reynolds was born Dec. 4, 1813 in St. Georges hundred, and died at his residence in Middletown, March 5th, at 1.25 A. M. He was the only son of William Reynolds who died in 1821, and having six sisters he was of great assistance to his mother in the management of the farm. The only surviving sister is Mrs. Margaret Williamson, of Washington, D. C., the widow of the late J. F. Williamson of Newark. Mr. Reynolds attended a private school taught by the late Bishop Scott. He was married March, 9, 1836, to Mary G., daughter of Samuel Moore, a soldier of the Revolution. He purchased the farm adjoining Iron Hill Md., and resided there until Nov. 1847 when he removed to the farm which he purchased within a half mile of Newark. His wife died April 1, 1858, and he soon afterward quit farming and with his son William opened a general store in the Spring of 1861 under the firm name of William Reynolds & Co. This was continued until March 1864, when S. M. Reynolds bought his brother's interest and the firm was changed to John A. Reynolds & Son. Duirng the fall of 1864 he removed to Middletown and admitted his son Edward in the business and continued the same until the Spring of 1868 when he sold out his interests to his sons and retired from active business.

He was married the second time to Miss Caroline Fenimore who survives him. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church over fifty years; Trustee of the Forest Church over 25 years; Member of the Delaware Legislature in 1853 and during that session the Delaware R. R. obtained its charter. There are now only two members of that session living, Manlove Hayes of Kent Co., and Alfred Short of Sussex Co; a trustee of the Poor for New Castle Co., a trustee of Delaware College over 15 years; Director and Vice Pres. of the Citizens Nat. Bank over ten years.

Mr. Reynolds always took a great interest in all public improvements in Middletown and vicinity and was very much interested in the success of the Shirt Factory lately started here as he said it would be the means of giving employment to a great many females.

The funeral on Monday was largely attended by his old friends and neighbors. Services were conducted by Rev. F. H. Moore, assisted by Rev. W. J. Wilkie and Rev. I. L. Wood. The honorary bearers were S. M. Curtis, James Hossinger, Dr. I. S. Vallandigham and Capt. Samuel Pennington; active bearers—D. J. Nowland, J. B. Deakyne, H. C. Ellison, Dr. T. H. Gilpin, J. R. Hoffecker and W. A. Comegys. Interment in Forest Cemetery.

DELAWARE COLLEGE PAPER.

BY A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY.

The series of articles closing with this article has been issued from Delaware College with the hopes that the matter thus conveyed may be helpful to teachers who are preparing students for entrance to the College. There has been made within the past two years a considerable advance in the requirements for entrance to the college especially as to the subject of English composition. Results show, however, that still higher requirements must be made in this matter, and it is hoped that these articles will be helpful to teachers preparing students to meet such hightened requirements. It must be understood at the same time, however, that the intent is to make the requirements only such as any intelligent and industrious student, of 16 or 18 may reasonably be expected to meet after completing the course of a well managed preparatory school, public or private.

The College examinations of recent years have indicated very unsatisfactory results in the teaching of English at most preparatory schools. Candidates who pass creditable examinations in mathematics, Latin, and history are found to be extremely weak in English composition. In fact a deficiency in the English training of many students actually admitted to the college has told against them throughout their whole course, from the fact that such deficiency has made it difficult for them to master textbooks and to follow lectures.

Before the opening of the next college year Delaware College will, for the first time, require as preliminary to entrance the passage of an examination in literature. All colleges now have such a requirement. Many require candidates to present essays discussing a play of Shakespeare, or some other work selected from the English classics. The examination at Delaware College will exact nothing so serious: In fact candidates will be asked only to give evidence of some acquaintance with the lives and the most popular works of a few leading American authors.

It should be noted that the examinations at Delaware College embrace two classes of subjects—a few in all of which a student must receive a passing mark in order to be admitted to a course, others as to which a student may be "conditioned" as the phrase is. A student admitted with conditions as to some subjects, must, usually before the close of his first College term, pass a satisfactory examination on those subjects. Again, a certain number of "conditions" that is a failure to pass in a certain number of topics, excludes a candidate, English composition is one of the subjects as to which no condition allowed. To enter College the candidates must pass the examination on this subject with a mark of 65 in the hundred. American Literature is one of the subjects in which a candidate may be conditioned.

All teachers preparing students for College are urged to examine this series of articles and to require of students, as far as possibly the drill and reading recommended. Any question on this subject addressed to the Secretary of the faculty, Newark, Del., will be promptly and fully answered. Teachers are urged to lay special stress upon that part of English grammar which has to do with the analysis of sentences as training in such portion of grammar is absolutely essential for the student in English composition.

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KENT COUNTY.

The majority of the farmers at Bowers Beach have disposed of their corn during the past two weeks to grain buyers from the State of New Jersey for 30 cents per bushel. The failure of corn in that State has caused the demand to be brisk for Delaware corn.

Dr. Nathan Pratt, of Milford, lies in a critical condition, the result of paralytic stroke he suffered several weeks ago. He was formerly State Auditor and Insurance Commissioner in turn, and served a term in the Legislature.

W. F. Collins, of Cheswold, shipped last week 6000 dozen eggs from that station, exclusive of shipments by other parties. One of the railroad conductors is reported to have said Cheswold as an egg shipping point ranks among the heaviest along the Delaware Division.

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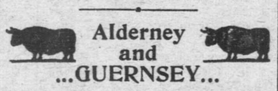

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SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the National Hotel, in Middletown, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 26th DAY OF MARCH, 1898,
at 9.30 o'clock a. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain tract of land in St. Georges hundred, county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone, a corner for these and lands of Thomas Houston; thence with said Houston's land and land of Samuel Rothwell, deceased, the following courses, to-wit:

North 57 degrees and 86 minutes west 19 6-10 perches; thence north 49 degrees and 36 minutes west 17 6-10 perches; thence north 51 degrees and 4 minutes west 75 5-100 perches; thence north 50 degrees and 40 minutes west 103 9-10 percues crossing the public road leading from Mt. Pleasant to St. Georges; thence north 39 degrees west 43 2-10 perches; thence north 35 degrees and 2 minutes east 33 5-10 perches to a stake in swamp land binding Joy run; thence north 33 degrees and 42 minutes east 38 4-10 perches to a stake in the edge of swamp land a corner for lands of Ephraim Beasten, deceased, and lands of Samuel Boggs; thence with lands of the said Boggs the following courses and distances, to-wit; South 57 degrees and 32 minutes east 5 perches; thence south 69 degrees east 8 45-100 perches; thence south 66 degrees and 18 minutes east 151-10 perches; thence south 71 degrees east 26 1-10 perches; thence south 58 degrees and 10 minutes east 7 perches; thence south 54 degrees and 32 minutes east 12 8-10 perches; thence south 46 degrees and 8 minutes east 31 9-10 perches; thence south 47 degrees and 32 minutes east 17 4-10 perches to a mulberry tree, a corner for these lands of said Boggs and Elliott; thence with Elliott's land and land of Wiley Jamison the following courses, to wit: South 49 minutes west 75 8-10 perches; thence south 19 degrees and 8 minutes east 9 3 10 perches to a black oak tree with three notches cut therein; thence south 19 degrees west 159 3-10 perches to the middle of the public road leading from Mt. Pleasant to Boyd's Corner; thence with the middle of said road towards Mt. Pleasant north 57 degrees and 48 minutes west 16 8-10 perches; thence north 43 degrees and 52 minutes west 14 4-10 perches; thence north 32 degrees and 8 minutes west 46 3-10 perches to a corner for these and lands of the above-named Samuel Rothwell, deceased, and thence north 35 degrees and 36 minutes east 34 8-10 perches; thence north 4 degrees and 40 minutes west 21 9-10 perches; to a stone, a corner for these and lands of said Rothwell, and a tract of woodland owned by Thomas Houston; thence with Houston's line north 42 degrees and 30 minute east 72 4-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing within said bounds 185 acres and 27½ perches of land, more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Sarah Ann Lecompt, widow, William Jerome Eliason and Susan E. Eliason, his wife (formerly Lecompt), Rebecca Ann Lecompt, James L. Lecompt, William McMullen and Sarah McMullen, his wife (formerly Lecompt), Mary Frances Lecompt and Annie L. Lecompt, heirs-at-law of the late James Lecompt, deceased, mortgagor, and t. t's and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, March 9th, 1898.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By VIRTUE OF A writ of Levaria Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 26th DAY OF MARCH, 1898,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot or piece of land with a brick dwelling-house thereon erected, known as No. 2 Fifth avenue, situate in the city of Wilmington aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Fifth avenue, at the distance of 80 feet southerly from the southerly side of Maryland avenue; thence westerly parallel with Maryland avenue 80 feet to a corner; thence southerly parallel with Fifth avenue 18 feet and 3 inches to another corner thence easterly parallel with Maryland avenue and passing through the middle of the division wall between the house on this lot and the one adjoining on the south 80 feet to said westerly side of Fifth avenue, and thence thereby northerly 18 feet and 3 inches to the place of beginning, be the contents there of what they may.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of William C. Guthrie and Annie V. Guthrie, his wife, and William H. Weeks, terre tenant, and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, March 8, 1898.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levaria Facias, to me directed will be exposed to public sale at the Court House on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
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the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot of land with a three-story brick dwelling thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the easterly side of Sixth avenue between Maryland avenue and Anchorage street, at the distance of 98 feet 3 inches more or less, southerly from southerly side of Maryland avenue and at the centre of the party wall of this and the house adjoining on the north; thence easterly parallel to Maryland avenue through the centre of said party wall 80 ft. to a corner; thence southerly parallel to Sixth avenue 17 feet 9 inches, more or less, to the line dividing this from the lot and dwelling adjoining on the south; thence westerly parallel to Maryland avenue by said dividing line 80 feet to the aforesaid easterly side of Sixth avenue, and thence thereby northerly 17 feet 9 inches, more or less, to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of William C. Guthrie and Annie V. Guthrie, mortgagors, and William H. Weeks, trustee for William C. Guthrie, t. t., and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, March 8, 1898.

Executor's Sale

—OF—

Real Estate!

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, made the Sixteenth day of February, A. D., 1898, will be exposed to sale at public vendue, on

Wednesday, March 23d, 1898,

AT TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.,

on the premises, the following described real estate, late of Sarah Ann Howell, deceased, to wit:

All that certain lot of land, situate in Middletown, in New Castle County aforesaid, on the north side of Main street, bounded on the east by land of Bessie and Addie Foard, on the north and west by land of Gideon E. Hukill, and having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling and store.

And it is ordered by the Court that the said executor make return of his proceedings, in the execution of this order, to the March Term of the Orphans' Court for said County, to be held at Wilmington, on Monday the 28th day of March, A. D., 1898.

Attendance will be given and terms made known by CHARLES H. HOWELL,
Executor,
or by MARTIN B. BURRIS, Esq.,
his Attorney.

Attest: COLEN FERGUSON, Clerk Orphans' Court.

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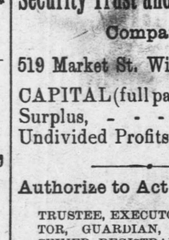

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Of Interest to Farmers

FALL OR SPRING PLOWING?

Agricultural knowledge has progressed further along some lines than others, and so while we know a great deal about the fertility actually used by any crop, and about the amount of fertility which we are able to turn as manure in our farm operation, we as yet know very little about the laws which govern the conservation in the soil of the three most important fertilizing elements. While we know in a general way that tillage by friction and exposure of the soil particles to air and frost, and light and carbonic acid tends to make more readily available the great fund of these elements in the soil, we do not know how far this is counterbalanced by actual loss from leaching evaporation, where there is no growing plant present immediately to seize and hold this fertility thus newly made available.

Whether fall or spring plowing is to be preferred turns largely on this unknown question, one particularly difficult to decide, because if experimental work is to be attempted, not only must the crop grown be noted, but the drainage waters must be watched, and (still more difficult) the changes of nitrification and dentrification must be studied, and perhaps in all agricultural chemistry there are no problems involved in greater obscurity than those which relate to the organic nitrogen of the soil. It would seem that in our present state of knowledge we cannot say with any certainty whether or not the increased fertility made available by fall plowing, is balanced by the quite probably greater losses which occur under such conditions. Culture in a corn field admits of no objection, because the plant is there ready to seize and fix the liberated fertility, but culture of a soil which will not soon be occupied by plants becomes problematical. We may say the fall plowing is a sort of a "winter fallow," if we use that term, and whether or not to practice it will have to be decided by every man for himself; which means that it will have to be decided eventually by the few most observing and intelligent men of every community.

Here in Schoharie County, upon a rich, upland, limestone soil, there seems to be no difference of opinion about fall plowing being most advantageous. It gives our rather heavy and sometimes cloddy land a far better mechanical condition, thus conserving moisture, besides the other well-known advantages of a nice-working soil. Here therefore our best farmers aim to get every furrow plowed before the ground freezes up. So if I had never met any conditions except those of this community, I would simply say that the question was perfetly settled.

But two years ago I saw and talked with many farmers of Madison County, N. Y., and theirs was an exactly opposite tale. These intelligent men, whose good sense and judgment I could not doubt, protested that fall plowing was a grave mistake—saying that while it was possible for two or three years to get larger crops by so doing, yet the effect was soon disastrous and permanent injury to the land. This was not the opinion of one man, but the settled conviction of the majority.

So I am compelled to believe that, whatever is the case with us, here was a section of country where exposing naked furrows to the elements caused a loss (for reasons not well understood) larger than was compensated for by any increase in the availability of the locked-up fertility or by other possible benefits. So in many other respects, agricultural practices may differ and yet all parties be correct for their conditions.—Country Gentleman.

LETTERS—WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

BY ISOBEL M. TAYLOR

When penny postage was first adopted by the people of Great Britain, many feared that letter writing would become one of the lost arts. These fears have been greatly augmented by the almost universal use of the type-writing machine by business and professional men, making as it does the actual penmanship of a letter laborious; and yet without that penmanship much of the personal magnetism conveyed in a letter is lost. To prevent these fears becoming facts our rising generation will need to be on its guard against the formation of those careless habits which are engendered on the one hand by dictation, and on the other by the feeling that because it only costs two cents anything written anyhow is good enough to be posted. If those peers among correspondents, Cowper and Scott, are ever to have any successors, it will be necessary to remember that letter-writing is a talent to be cultivated, and not a gift bestowed in its full maturity. Of course it must be admitted that temperament has a great deal to do with letter-writing, for some people seem born to use the pen as surely as others to wield the sword, and again others have to strive to attain at best only indifferent success; but these are exceptions to the rule, for a poor letter writer, by constant, careful correspondence, may become a good one, and a good one, by neglecting to use this talent, will lose it as the man in the parable lost his, because he hid it in the ground. The individuality in the different members of one household can easily be discerned by means of letters, and this forms an interesting study. For example, when two brothers travel together, it will scarcely be credited that they are in the same place, for while one sends home letters poetically describing the the majesty of snow mountains, the grandeur of the ice views, or the filmy veil like waterfalls, the other will fill his sheet of paper with terse incisive prose to tell of odd characters and bad dinners.

Any one desirous of writing really good letters will need a little thought and a good deal of effort, for the present tendency is to do everything in a hurry. Self criticism should be most severe—composition, penmanship and punctuation—for the severer the criticism, the quicker the remedy. Never abbreviate, for that is a habit quickly formed and hard to break; and use as few superlative adjectives as possible, for they do not emphasize unless used sparingly. In addressing a letter the character of the correspondence should be studied, so that each will receive what he will most enjoy. When writing to children consider what will interest them and write about that, so that they will have some incentive to reply, and thus the first instructions in this accomplishment will be given. But a rebuke should never be written to them; it hurts much more than a severe punishment personally administered, for it sinks deep into the heart, to be brooded over in private; when it is necessary it is not hard to admonish by means of advice, and boys and girls should only receive by mail what is a pleasure to them if they are to be encouraged to write themselves. To a contemporary anything like gossip and scandal should be carefully advoided. The use made of letters in our courts of law make this injunction seem axiomatic, yet unfortunately it is a temptation often yielded to. "Talk about things, not people," is a proverb in a Scotch family which is also good counsel for letter-writing, and to it may be added, when writing about people always write kindly, and then no harm can follow. To the elderly correspondent a degree of deference should always appear, and although it is never necessaay to sacrifice principle, it is always courteous to surrender an opinion to one who has lived longer and presumbly knows more of the world.

The golden rule of "doing to others as you would that they should do to you" would revolutionize the penmanship of many, and patience would make perfect work in some, if all letters were easily read. It was a morning's occupation to decipher a London professor's letters; he was famous alike for learning and illegibility; being an exceptional man, his friends forgave him, but that is too severe a test for most correspondents. A gentleman living some distance from the railway station returned home after a short absence and was exceedingly annoyed not to find his carriage waiting for him. On reaching home by public conveyance, he went at once to his wife and asked her if she had not received the card he had posted saying when the carriage should be sent for him. She sweetly answered that she had carefully kept the card for him to read to her on his return. Whose fault was it he had to take a cab?

The eccentricities of the English language will not excuse either bad spelling or bad grammar in letter writing. A little slip in the use of a verb which is readily overlooked in speaking becomes positively offensive when written while a mis-pelled word rarely escapes detection; even those who cannot spell well themselves can discover a similar failing in another. For those who have any difficulty in spelling it should be the practice to have a dictionary at hand, and when in doubt always to use it, because, whatever the decision otherwise reached, is almost sure to be wrong.

After acknowledging that there are certain details to be attended to in writing letters, it must also be understood that there are certain courtesies that should not be forgotten when receiving them. Although every item of news contained in a letter may be freely discussed, no adverse criticisms should ever be passed on it. This needs only to be mentioned for all to agree about it, and yet very many err just here, and cause some to hesitate about writing letters, fearing these criticisms. A few remarks made by a group of ladies about a letter of thanks which had been received by a charitable society affected one sensitive nature so lastingly that no inducement was sufficient to get even the scrape of a pen from her. This may be an extreme case, but to say all that truthfully can be said in praise, and never to make or allow to be made any criticism, will prevent a blight falling on a correspondence; for there will always be some hesitation before submitting a letter to such comments as are frequently heard, and nothing takes away the freedom and spontaniety so soon as such remarks Besides they are distinctly discourteous.

The contents of a letter may also come under consideration. What is confidential in them should be more closely guarded than any secret of one's own, and nothing can be more mean and despicable than to allow such confidence to become public. But there is a great deal in letters sent to one member of a family that can be enjoyed by all, and it a false sense of honor that will not share such simply because it is written instead of spoken; that is one way and a pretty sure one of making a united family become a family of units. With some people there seems to be a constant dread of their letters being read by those to whom they are not addressed, but that ought not to be with proper early training. Children can be taught that anything written, even a postal card, is the absolute property of the person addressed, and when that is the case there is no need for such great care in locking away one's correspondence as soon as it is received.

There is scarcely a greater pleasure than to receive letters; young and old, great and simple, alike share it, and no matter how large the mail may be the charm remains while a warm welcome is always assured to a single letter when they are rare. Authors enjoy a few words of appreciation about their last books, clergymen feel repaid for hard study by a few lines of thanks for the benefits received at the sanctuary, doctors express their feelings for letters of thankfulness by speaking of the writers as G. P.'s (grateful patients); but it is not only professional men who receive enjoyment from letters. They are hailed with delight by invalids as bits of the outside world, they are eagerly longed for by parents when separated from their children, they are cherished lovingly by children when the parents are their authors while between husband and wife, or lovers, they are regarded as sacred. Letters of congratulation, letters of sympathy, letters of condolence, all hold their place in the affections, and to be able to express these sentiments so that the recipient may know that they are from the heart and not mere words, of course, is no mean ambition. To write with ease and ability on any subject, travel, household economics, religious views, newspaper items, in fact, on all that goes to the make-up of a good letter, is the outcoming of painstaking endeavor, but it is an accomplishment worth cultivating; it gives satisfaction to the writer and pleasure to the receiver, and is therefore, like the quality of mercy, twice blessed.

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Washington ... Letter

PRESIDENT McKinley is proud of the patience and forbearance displayed by the American people during their trying wait for the verdict of the Naval Court of Inquiry that is investigating the Maine disaster, in the face of many unjustifiable and inflamable publications, although he is not surprised. He knows that whatever may be said or done by a few individuals that the great mass of our people recognize that it would be as great an insult to the brave officers who compose that Court to take action in advance of the report of the Court as it would be to a judge and jury of any other court to take an accused murderer in the midst of his trial and lynch him. Every preparation that wisdom and patriotism can suggest is being made to place our military and naval forces in a position to meet any emergency that may arise. If there is to be war, we shall be ready for it and we shall win.

Another step forward was taken by Speaker Reed when he ruled that it was a violation of order for a member to get the floor, when the House was sitting as a committee of the whole for the purpose of speaking upon a bill under consideration and then to make a speech upon something entirely foreign to the bill. Because it is an old custom for members to utilize any old bill that happened to be out as a basis for a partisan political speech, is no reason that it was right. Of course, the Democrats claim to see in this ruling a fresh attempt on the part of the speaker to suppress free speech, but it was nothing of the sort. As Representative Dingley stated, after the Democratic howl which followed the application of this ruling by Representative Payne, who was presiding over the house sitting as a committee, the enforcement of a rule against irrelevent debate was necessary to correct a growing evil and to expedite public business. It does not interfere with the making of political speeches; only confines their making to proper times.

President McKinley and every member of his cabinet feel great indignation at the disgraceful affair at Lake City, South Carolina, which resulted in the murder of the postmaster and one of his children, and the wounding of three others, an official report of which has been made to the Postoffice Department. At the last Cabinet meeting it was unanimously decided to increase the Government's reward to $1,500, for information that lead to the conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators of the cowardly and dastardly crime, and that all the facilities of the postoffice Department and of the Department of Justice should be utilized in the effort to run down the murderers.

The Senate committee on civil service, which made an exhaustive investigation of the subject, has reported in favor of removing from the classified service all deputy collectors of internal revenue, store keepers and gaugers and all deputy collectors of customs. The report also adopts the contention of Senator Pritchard, chairman of the committee, that the Government printing office was never legally put within the classified service and is not, by right, now in that service.

The delay in getting a special rule, which was made necessary by Democratic objections when unanimous consent was asked, reported to the house from the committee on rules for the consideration of the bill providing for the enlistment of two additional artillery regiments has not been caused by opposition to the bill on the part of Republican members of that committee, as has been declared by sensation mongers. No Republican member of the committee is opposed to the bill, but all of the Republican members of the committee were opposed to any precipitate action, such as would cause the country to get the idea that the bill was an emergency measure, whereas it is only carrying out the requests of the War Department several years old. A rule will be reported, and the bill will be passed.

It has been discovered that some Democratic members of the House are resorting to questionable methods of making friends of old soldier voters in their districts, by grossly misrepresenting the attitude of the administration and of the Republican leaders of the House towards individual pension bills. A letter written by Representative Brucker of Michigan, which is now in Washington, to a constituent for whom he has introduced a pension bill, contains half a dozen willful misstatement that the writer will doubtless hear from quite often should he be renominated by the Democrats of his district.

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Philadelphia	37.25	10.20	2.02	3.46	5.50	11.10
Baltimore	6.25	9.05	12.05	3.00	5.30	7.52
Wilmington	8.13	11.04	2.51	4.27	6.55	11.56
Farnhurst	f 8.22		f 3 00		f 7.04	
New Castle	8.27	f 11.21	3.05	4.39	7.09	
State Road	f8.33		f 3.10		7.14	
Bear	f8.38		f 3.15	f 4.49	7.19	
Porter	8.45		f 3.20	4.52	7.25	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.25		7.30	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		f 3.34		7.38	
Armstrong	f 9.03				f 7.42	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.43	5.18	7.48	12.39
Townsend	9 17		3 52	5 28	7.56	
Blackbird	f 9.22		f 3.58		f 8.01	
Gr'n Spring	f 9.27		f 4 07		f8.07	
Clayton	9.33	12 07	4.13	b.42	8.13	12.57
Smyrna...LV	9 23	11.57	4.02	5 20	8.03	
Brenford	f9.38		f 4.18		f8.18	
Cheswold	f9.43		f 4.23		f8.24	
Dupont			f 4.26			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4 32	5.19	8.34	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	f12.29	4.39	6.06	8.40	a 1.24
Woodside	f10 11			f 6.11	f8 47	
Viola	f10.15			f 6.15	f8.51	
Felton	10 20	f12.40		6.20	8.56	a 1.38
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington	f10 42	a 1.00		f 6.41	f9.15	
Greenwood	f10.50	f 1 08		f 6.49	f9 23	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		6.57	9.31	a 2.14
Canmons	f11 06			f 7 04	f9 36	
Seaford	11 13	1.27		7 10	9 45	2.26
Laurel	11.23	f 1.37		7.19	9.55	a 2.38
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.29	10 05	2.50

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NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar	11.08		7.00	8.00	2.15	5.20
Laurel	f 1.21		7.11	8.10	2.25	5.41
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8.24	2.35	5.56
Cannons			f 7.31	f 8.31		f 6 04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.37	8.37	f 2.46	6.11
Greenwood			f7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 6.19
Farmington			f 7.53	f 8.53		f 6 27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 06	3.08	6:40
Felton	f 2.35		8.14	9.16	f 3.18	6:49
Viola			f8.18	f 9.20		f 6.53
Woodside			f8.22	f 9.24		f 6:57
Wyoming	p 2:46	a6 57	f8 29	9.31	f 3 30	7 05
Dover	2.52	7 03	8.35	9.38	3.36	7:11
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Cheswold		f7.13		f 9.48		f 7: 0
Brenford		f7.18		f 9.53		f 7:25
Smyrna...LV		7.14	8.42	9 49	3.44	7:20
Clayton	3.09	7.24	8.53	9 59	3.54	7:40
Gr'n spring		f7.32				f 7:37
Blackbird		f7.34		f10.08		f 7:43
Townsend		7 39	9 06	10 13	4.07	7:49
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‖ Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday.
"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.
"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.
"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilming and points north.
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Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10 39 a. m. week days and 6.37 p. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Returning, leave Berlin 6.57 a. m. week days and 2.43 p. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 2 28 a m., and 5.47 p m., week days. Returning, leave Oxford 6.45 a. m., and 1 40 p. m., week-days.

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CONNECTION.—At Porter, with Newark and Delaware City Railroad. At Townsend, with Queen Anne's & Kent Railroad. At Clayton with Delaware & Chesapeake Railroad and Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad. At Harrington, with Delaware Maryland & Virginia Railroad. At Seaford, with Cambridge & Seaford Railroad. At Delmar, with New York, Philadelphia Norfolk, Wicomico & Pocomoke, and Peninsula Railroads.

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B. & O. Railroad.

Schedule in effect November 14th, 1897
All trains illuminated with Pintsch Light
*Express trains.

TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON. DELAWARE AVE STATION FOR

New York, week-days, *3.18, *9.39, ‖10.24 a. m, *12.19, *2.34, *3.59 *5.21, *7 41, *11 p. m. Sundays, *3.18, *9.39 *11.24, a. m. *3.59, *5.21, *7 41, ‖11.00. p. m.

Philadelphia, week-days, 3.13, 5.50, 6.40, 7.15, 17.35, 18.05, 9.00, 19.39, ‖10.24, 11.08, a. m. ‖12.19, 1.20, 2.34, 3.59, 4.10, 5.21, 6.30, 17.41, 9.15 ‖11.00 p. m. Sundays, 3.13, 7.35, 8.50, 19.39 ‖1.24 ‖1.24, a. m., 3.59, 4.10, 5.21, 6.30, 17.41, 9.15, 111.00, p. m.

Chester, week-days, 3.13, 5.50, 6.40, 17.15, 7.35, 18.25 19.00, 19.39, ‖10.24, 11.08 a.m., 1.20, 2.34, 4.10, 5.21, 6.30, 17.41, 9.15, 111 p. m. Sundays, 3.13, 7.35, 8 50, 19.39 ‖11.24 11.24 a. m., 3 59 4.10, 5 21, 6 30, 7 41, 9.15, 111.00, p. m.

Atlantic City, week-days, 17.15, a. m., ‖12.19, 2.34, p. m., Sundays, *7 05 a. m.

Cape May, week-days, m., 5.50 am, Sundays, 2.34 a. m.

Baltimore and Washington, week-days, 14.18 7.10, 18.35, 111 (1 a. m., ‖12.57, 12.09, 3.04, 14.04 14.57 16.18, 18 04 19.11 p. m. Sundays, 14.18, 7.10, 18.35 a m., 12.57, 12.09, 3.04, 14.57, 18 04 19.11 p. m

Baltimore and way stations, daily. 7.10, a. m 3.04 p.m.,

Newark, Del., week-days, 14.18, 7.10, 18.35 ‖11 01 a.m., ‖12.57 3.04, 14 04, 14.57, 16.18, 7.32, 19.11 ‖10.55 p m.

Sundays, 14.18, 7.10, 18.35 a. m. 12.57 3.04 14.57, 7.32, 19.11p. m.

Pittsburg, week-days, 18.35, a m 16.18 p. m., Sundays 18.35 a m 14 57 p m.

Chicago, daily, 8.5 a m 4.57 p m.

Chicago via Cincinnati and Indianapolis 18.35 a m daily.

Cincinnati and St. Louis, daily 12.35 a m ‖12.57, and 9.11 p. m.

Toledo and Detroit, *9.11 p m daily to Toledo and daiiey except Sunday to Detroit.

New Orleans and Memphis via Bristol and Chattanooga, 16.18 p.m. daily. weekdays 4.57 Sundays. Through sleepers to Memphis and New Orleans.

Singerly accommodation, daily 7.10, a. m., 3.04, 7.35, 10.55 p. m: Sundays, 7.10 a m 3.04, 7.32 p m.

Landenburg accommodation, week-days 7.10 10.00, a. m., 3.04 4.57, p. m. Sundays, 10 a